

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A container having a nominal volume of 100 mL to 12 L prepared by injection molding of ethylene copolymer resin, said container having a Vicat softening point of greater than 121°C and an average test drop height point value, as determined by ASTM D5276, of greater than 2.5 feet, wherein said ethylene copolymer resin is characterized by:

- i) a density from 0.950 g/cc to 0.955 g/cc;
- ii) a viscosity at 100,000 sec¹ shear rate and 280°C of less than 3.5 Pascal seconds;
- iii) ~~weight average molecular weight/number average molecular weight~~, a molecular weight distribution, weight average molecular weight/number average molecular weight, of from 2.2 to 2.8; and
- iv) a hexane extractables content of less than 0.5 weight%.

2. (original) The container of claim 1 which is further characterized by having a total impact energy required for wall failure of greater than 3.0 foot-pounds at 23°C.

3. (original) The container of claim 1 which is further characterized by having a total impact energy required for base failure of greater than 0.20 foot-pounds at -20°C as determined by ASTM D3763.